



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia there is hereby officially recognized:

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, September is National Preparedness Month, a time set aside annually to encourage Americans to take necessary steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities; and

WHEREAS, this September marks the ten-year anniversary of the tragic terrorist attacks of 9/11, including a jet airplane crash into the Pentagon that killed 125 military and civilian public servants and 64 people on the plane; and

WHEREAS, in observing this tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001, we honor the memory of those who were lost by doing all we can to ensure that our Virginia communities are prepared to respond and recover from all types of disasters and hazards; and

WHEREAS, those who are prepared for emergencies recover faster and can help others who also may be affected, demonstrating community spirit in the face of adversity, and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility, and every family that is able should prepare to be self-sufficient for the first 72 hours after disaster strikes; and

WHEREAS, Virginia families can start their preparedness actions by making an emergency plan and stocking at least three days' of essential supplies including water and food that won't spoil and a hand-crank or battery-powered radio and extra batteries to hear emergency information; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize September 2011 as NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH in our COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, a time to remember and a time to prepare, and I encourage all citizens to be ready for emergencies by taking steps to prepare for emergencies at home, at work and in our communities.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth